

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 57 and amend claims 34 and 40 to read as follows:

1. - 33. (Canceled).

34. (Currently Amended) A device for trimming a lip of a windshield wiper blade, said device comprising, in combination:

a basic body with a longitudinal passage having a longitudinal entrance extending the length of said passage;

a first wiper blade guide disposed adjacent the entrance to said passage, said first wiper blade guide comprising two longitudinal webs arranged on said body on opposite sides of said entrance in facing relationship to each other, for guiding the wiper blade between them; and

a cutting unit disposed in said passage and adjustably mounted in said basic body, said cutting unit including at least one cutting blade defining a cutting plane parallel to the direction of movement of the wiper blade, and a second wiper blade guide, ~~in proximity to the cutting blade,~~
~~forming a fixed width channel which is adapted to surround~~

~~and guide the lip of said wiper blade during cutting~~
disposed in the cutting plane and forming a fixed width
channel adapted to support and guide on both sides of the
lip of the wiper blade during cutting; and

means for measuring the depth of cut, whereby the
desired depth of cut on the wiper blade may be set prior to
cutting.

35. (Canceled).

36. (Previously Presented) The wiper blade cutting system according to claim 34, wherein said second blade guide tapers in a direction of movement of the wiper blade, from a relatively large width to a fixed width.

37. (Previously Presented) The wiper blade cutting system according to claim 34, wherein said second blade guide has a depth which covers the portion of said lip of said wiper blade to be cut.

38. (Previously Presented) The wiper blade cutting system according to claim 34, wherein said second blade guide,

starting at said cutting blade, expands into a discharge passage.

39. (Canceled).

40. (Currently Amended) The wiper blade cutting system according to claim 34, wherein said ~~position-adjusting~~ means for setting the position of the cutting unit includes a spindle in said cutting unit, said spindle communicating interactively and play-free with an adjusting wheel mounted in a recess of said basic body.

41. - 45. (Canceled).

46. (Previously Presented) The wiper blade cutting system according to claim 34, wherein the position setting of said cutting unit is lockable.

47. (Previously Presented) The wiper blade cutting system according to claim 34, wherein said first wiper blade guide is curved in the longitudinal direction of the wiper blade.

48. (Previously Presented) The wiper blade cutting system according to claim 34, wherein the cutting edge of the blade

is positioned normally to a direction of movement of the wiper blade and normal to a cutting direction.

49. (Previously Presented) The wiper blade cutting system according to claim 34, further comprising means for fixing the position of the cutting blade in the cutting region.

50. - 55. (Canceled).

56. (Previously Presented) The wiper blade cutting system according to claim 34, wherein the entrance to said longitudinal passage, and said first wiper blade guide, are curved.

57. (Canceled).

58. (Withdrawn) The wiper blade cutting system according to claim 34, further comprising a device for measuring the cutting depth.

59. (Withdrawn) The wiper blade cutting system according to claim 58, wherein the measuring device includes a scale in a passage receiving the wiper blade and an observation aperture.

60. (Withdrawn) The wiper blade cutting system according to claim 58, wherein the measuring device includes a scale on both sides of said passage for receiving the wiper blade and a movable stop.

61. (Withdrawn) The wiper blade cutting system according to claim 58, the measuring device includes a movable feeler gauge.

62. (Withdrawn) The wiper blade cutting system according to claim 58, further comprising an observation device in preset spaced-apart relationship measured from the blade in the direction of cutting.

63. (Withdrawn) The wiper blade cutting system according to claim 58, said measuring device has a stop member, said stop member being adjustable with said cutting blade and said wiper blade guide.